Decrease in foreign students

†1398. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL.
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the number of foreign students seeking education in the universities has been constantly decreasing in the country in the recent years;

(b) if not, the number of such students in the academic years 1998 and 2003; and

(c) the reasons for the constant decrease in the number of the foreign students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the information compiled by the Association of Indian Universities, the total number of foreign students studying at Indian Universities from 1998-99 to 2000-01 is indicated below:

1998-1999	5329
1999-2000	6988
2000-2001	7701

The figures beyond 2000-01 are yet to be compiled.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in students getting education Abroad

†1399. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of the students getting their education abroad is increasing for the last several years;

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